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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7---- Cranberries and Newtown apples from Santa Cruz county continue to head the list as Best Buys from the fruit department.

Good Buys this week include lemons (lower priced), Imperial Valley grapefruit, D'Anjou and Comice pears from Santa Clara county, and loose-pack dates from Coachella Valley.

Rated as Fair Buys are avocados and bananas.

Cauliflower and parsnips continue as Best Buys from the vegetable bin, along with bunched beets and bunched turnips.

Good Buys are cabbage, Banana and Hubbard squash, artichokes, and yellow Globe onions.

Fairly Good Buys this week are broccoli, spinach, sweetpotatoes, carrots, and tomatoes.

Generally, trading has been fair to good in the San Francisco wholesale meat market the past week. Lightweight beef, lightweight lamb, mutton, and cow beef carcasses have been in limited supply. Demand has not been sufficient to clear lamb supplies, but prices have advanced \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight, due to higher prices on live lambs. Most of the beef supply has been Commercial and Good grades, while most of the veal and calf has been of Utility and Commercial grades, with only very limited supplies of Good grade. Hindquarters and loins of beef have dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight under a very irregular demand; beef rounds and chucks have advanced \$1.00 per hundredweight. Prices have advanced \$1.00 per hundredweight on veal, and \$3.00 to \$4.00 per hundredweight on mutton. Light supplies of fresh pork have held unchanged in price.

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Butter prices are unchanged from a week ago in the wholesale market. Demand is rather slow for plentiful supplies -- especially of top grades. Western production is around 19 percent above a year ago. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 67-1/2 to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints; and Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted at 66 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

In the egg market demand has been only fair for more than ample supplies. Large and medium sizes have held unchanged in price from a week ago, but smalls have dropped 2 cents. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 42 to 43 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Medium, 40 to 41 cents; and Grade "A" Small, 36 to 38 cents per dozen in cartons.

Under a continued better demand for poultry in the wholesale market, dressed poultry has moved well this past week. Prices are up 2 cents per pound on broilers and small fryers, and 3 cents per pound on large fryers and roasters. All other classes are unchanged in price from a week ago.

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